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Some Cheerful Evidence.

Ever since the clouds of business and financial depression began to lift, and their gloomy shadows to dispel, returning prosperity has been creeping on, slowly, it is true, but nevertheless surely. It is owing to this gradual return of better conditions that the substantial character of improvement has been maintained. A real sick man doesn't get well in one day; if he does it is found to be an artificial convalescence, and a relapse naturally follows. So, painfully slow as has been the recovery of the country, the convalescence carries with it the conviction that it has gone through all the stages of financial regeneration, and that it has not been forced by superficial methods or revived by any political nostrums.

There are so many evidences of this recovery that it would be difficult to cite all. One of the most striking, however, has been the great influx of gold into this country during the past year on account of the immense buying of European countries which has resulted in the enormous balance of trade in our favor. The forthcoming report of the director of the mint in this connection furnishes some striking figures. In 1897 the United States was reported to have had a per capita supply of gold available for monetary uses amounting to \$695,300,000, or \$3.55 per capita, and was well down in the list of the gold using countries of the world. But what a change the moving events of 1898 have wrought. We now hold a prominent place among the gold standard nations with a supply of \$925,100,000, amounting to \$12.42 per capita. France being the only country excelling us with a per capita of \$21.06.
And the end is not yet. As remarkable as these figures are the prospects for the incoming year are still brighter, certainly not indicative of retrogression. Yet there are some wilfully blind partisans who cannot see that any good has so far emerged from Nazareth. None are so blind as those who will not look when they can see.

As to an Extra Session.

It is said by Washington correspondents that the principal objection the President has to calling an extra session of Congress to begin the work of currency legislation in accordance with his recommendations, is that the body may get involved in other matters, but this objection is held by some of the friends of the administration to be not so well based as some might suppose. Those favoring the extra session argue that the Republican house has already shown itself able to check a tendency of even a Popocratic senate to depart from the main question before Congress, and that such a house is adequate to the task of holding an adverse senate to the work for which it is called together.

One contemporary, the New York Press, thinks that should the senate, called to work at currency reform, plunge into legislation regarding the new territories before the matter is properly brought before it, the house will be able to prevent such a departure from the main purpose as effectively as it prevented action on Cuban affairs until the President and the country were convinced of the ripeness of the time. "It even resisted for itself," says the Press, "the temptation of passing bills it wanted, all through the long spring and summer months, during which the senate held up the Dingley tariff in an extra session for the specific purpose of tariff legislation."

But there is another reason why there would be no risk in an extra session, if one is needed, which is by no means certain, and a reason which renders it improbable that the President is opposed to it on the ground stated by the correspondents above referred to. It should not be forgotten that after the fourth of March, when an extra session would meet, the senate will not be constituted as it now is. It will be a Republican body by a large majority, and led by men in accord with the administration. As in the case of the house, it will be in sympathy with the President, and the organization of the committees will be in Republican hands. Should obstructive legislation be introduced the overwhelming majority would be able to keep matters confined to the consideration of the particular thing for which the special session was called. Whatever the party agrees upon will be accomplished without unnecessary delay and the adjournment would come early.

Whatever the President does in this matter it will not be due to any consideration in which the fear of an adverse senate will be involved. There is no reason for such a fear, and no one

knows it better than the President himself. There is plenty of time to consider the matter, and whatever is done will be after mature consideration and in response to whatever the country seems to demand. One of the secrets of the President's success and popularity is that he keeps in touch with the public sentiment. The demand for currency legislation seems to be general among the sound money people, and the only question is whether it is sufficient to warrant an extra session of the new Congress, with a senate for honest money in place of the present silver body, or to await the regular session.

Spain's Crisis.

The crisis in Spain is growing more serious every day, and it will require all the skill of government statesmen to avert what now seems to be the inevitable. Spain is reaping the harvest she sowed herself, and the humiliation she has just endured at the hands of the United States is made doubly bitter by the attitude of internal disturbers and the threatened trouble from the Carlists. What the outcome of it all will be remains to be seen, but certain it is that the government is ill prepared for any crisis requiring means of force and large expenditure of money.

It is asserted that the Spanish ministry is in a much discouraged state of mind, and in a mood that precludes it entering upon the difficult task of renewing the managing of domestic affairs under the peculiar situation which has brought about new conditions requiring a change of public policy. It is pointed out that the Spanish government is not only bankrupt and hopelessly in debt, but finds itself cut off almost entirely from revenues from colonies, and that, in consequence of her severe loss in territory, the outlets of Spanish trade will be confined to narrow limits.

Added to this embarrassing state of affairs will soon be the problem of what to do with the thousands upon thousands of discharged soldiers who will flood the country demanding employment. It will be a serious moment and an opportunity for Don Carlos so rare that it is not improbable he will grasp it. In a small space of time a revolution of no small pretensions might be precipitated as the direct result of the return of the armies from Cuba and the Philippines.

To cap the climax we need not be surprised to soon hear of the creditors of Spain making a tremendous amount of trouble by demands upon a depleted treasury. The desire of the ministry to resign and be relieved of all responsibility can be easily accounted for. The new ministry will have a gigantic task presented to it. Spain is on the verge of desperation, forced there by her own lack of sound sense and her own policies toward degeneracy in this progressive age. It is not a happy Christmas season for Spanish statesmen nor the Spanish people.

The Ticket-Scalping Bill.

It is unfortunate that honest railroad ticket brokers are in the list of those who come under the provisions of the anti-scalping bill which passed the house of representatives, but the preponderance of dishonest ones throughout the country, and particularly in the larger cities, brought reproach upon the practice, rendered the calling demoralizing and made the law to break it up, by placing adequate penalties upon it, an absolute necessity. The effort has been made for years to stop the evils that accompany the traffic in transportation, but without success. The abuses of the scalping business, and the practice of illicitly obtaining the tickets sold, caused the crusade and brought about the passage of the bill by the house.

The members of the house of representatives who voted for the legislation necessary to correct the evils of the business deserve credit, for the effect of it, if it passes the senate, will be to relieve the railroad companies of the unfair competition caused by the sale of thousands of forged and fraudulently secured or stolen tickets, and is designed to safeguard the roads from the imposition, as well as the traveling public. But for the rascals in the business, who have engaged in illegitimate means, the bill might not have been demanded, but fairness and honesty in the sale of tickets was at a discount; hence the result.

The New York Tribune, commenting on the action of the house, calls attention to the fact, so well remembered, that at the hearings before the house and senate committees on inter state and foreign commerce during the last session, it was shown conclusively that the business of ticket scalping entailed a constant violation of specific contracts, and involved both the broker and the purchaser in attempts to defraud. It was proved that stolen tickets and passes had been dealt in, and that limited tickets were sold under conditions which made them void on their face unless the holders resorted to deception and forgery. It appeared that there was no remedy in the state laws, which were conflicting, and recourse had to be to Congress, the "only power that can impose uniform regulations on commerce and travel between the states." The Tribune continues:

If Congress, the railroads justly argue, can control and supervise the details of inter state traffic it becomes a national duty for that body to make cognizance of any irresponsible and illicit interference with the sale of transportation—an interference based, moreover, in many cases on actual crime and fraud. It is to be hoped that the senate will find time during the present session to approve the bill, thus suppressing a traffic which not only inflicts unmerited injury on legitimate business, but has been too long an affront to public integrity and public morals.

All of which is true, all things considered. Recently the Intelligencer received a volume containing photographic reproductions of forged railroad tickets and passes sold by ticket scalpers in several large cities, and representing losses of many thousands of dollars to the railway companies. Some of the samples indicated the connivance of the purchaser of the tickets, they having been compelled to forge the signatures of the original possessors of passes in order to use them. There were many bold, but skillful frauds represented and the showing made good the claim that for years the railroad companies have been victimized in this manner. A business in which so broad

a field for abuse and even crime is presented and taken advantage of is badly in need of legislation to regulate it.

The Pittsburgh Post affects to believe that Attorney General Rucker, of this state, uttered these words: "We Republicans have resolved to hold the legislature at any hazard. If the matter is pushed too far we will fill the legislative hall with guards, organize an independent house consisting of Republicans only, and that house will be recognized by the Republican governor of this state." It is utter folly to hold discourse with newspapers that have such a dull perception of a plain untruth.

England is becoming alarmed at our industrial supremacy. Also our financial solidity. Well it might be when for the first time in the history of finance New York is in a position to dictate money rates to London, Berlin and Paris, not counting the invasion of the British steel rail market by American manufacturers.

The peace treaty was delivered to the President by the commissioners on Saturday night—a very acceptable Christmas gift.

Prognosticator Hicks' snow storm is belated somewhere.

To-day is Christmas after the fact.

PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

The son-in-law is often the child of sorrow.

The man who forgets a favor seldom forgives an injury.

The finger of destiny is undoubtedly on the hand of fate.

A close student of human nature never lends money to his friends.

It's a wise pedagogical that pours whole-oil on the troubled waters.

The way of the transgressor is oft-times the shortest route to Canada.

There is no earthly love so true and inexpensive as a mother's love.

After suspicion is once directed toward a man it is difficult to slide-track it.

The slip 'twixt the cup and the lip doesn't prevent the moustache from getting into the soup.

Milton and Homer were both blind. This is conclusive evidence that out of sight isn't always out of mind.

It sometimes happens that when a man is really known by the company he keeps he prefers to be a sister to him.—Chicago Daily News.

PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

A Flight of Fancy—"That dull Miss Wiggs doesn't seem to have a particle of imagination." "Yes, she has; she thinks she can sing."—Chicago Record.

Mr. Dukane—I want to ask a question about the new pottery trust. Mr. Gaswell—Go on. "Does it include jack-pots?" —Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph.

Jaggs—My dear, you are getting better looking every day. Your beauty appears to have doubled. Mrs. Jaggs—That will do, Mr. Jaggs, you've been drinking again.—Chicago News.

Robby—I know where Santa Claus lives most of his Christmas shopping. Mamma—Where? Bobby—At the five-cent store. I saw lots of things like mine down there last week.—Harper's Bazar.

"Speaking of the hospital," said Asbury Peppers. "Who was?" asked the impudent boarder. "As was I was just about to remark that it is the best place for a homeless man to be ill in. He would be rather well out of it?" —Cincinnati Enquirer.

"Let me see; didn't they send a New York man down to see about cleaning the streets of Havana?" Yes, I believe they did. "Well, it wouldn't be a bad idea if they sent a man up from Havana just now, to see about cleaning the streets of New York."—Yonkers Statesman.

The house surgeon of a London hospital was attending to the injuries of a poor woman whose arm had been severely bitten. As he was dressing the wound, he said: "I cannot imagine what sort of a creature bit you. This is too small for a horse's bite and too large for a dog's. 'Oh, sir,' replied the patient, 'it wasn't an animal; it was another lady.'—Tit-Bits.

The Angels' Christmas Song.

The angels once sang a low, sweet strain,
And o'er and o'er they repeat it still.
The world was on earth this glad refrain,
Of a joy complete and of God's good will.
And to-night they are singing on Beth-lehem plain
A carol Christmas each heart to thrill.
A soft-swalling chorus rings through the years
Of the Christ-child born 'neath the crowded inn,
And we pause a moment from strife and tears
To think of the babe 'midst the ceaseless din;
And again comes a full, clear song that
'Tis of victory gained in a world of sin.

The minstrelsy of love floats in union
To join the angel voices in their praise,
While a star points to the tiny babe's retreat
And sheds its light through all the dark-ness
Again a burst of music from the Heavenly street,
Of "Gloria in the Highest" this happy day of days.

The song of love is wafted from the skies,
And of sweetest harmony there is no doubt;
While an angel bids the wondering shepherd rise,
Telling of the Christ-child and his wondrous birth;
And again the Heavenly message downward flies,
Of peace to men, good will o'er all the earth.

Sing on, O angel voices! Let anthems loudly ring
Till all the world in gladness shall abound;
Then every heart a token of incense rare shall bring
To anoint the holy babe within the manger;
And millions upon millions shall with the angels sing
Till peace and love and joy shall through each heart resound.

—Nellie B. Neer.

Wheeling, W. Va., Dec. 25.

The Enormous Gold Product of 1898.

This will be the greatest gold year in history. From South Africa, the Klondike and Australia the precious metal is being shipped in large quantities. It is believed that this year's output will be nearly double that of any previous twelve months. The sales of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters are also increasing very fast, and this year that famous remedy will cure more people of dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation, nervousness and weakness than ever before.

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St. Louis Globe-Democrat: Like the empire of Charles V., the United States is now a hand on which the sun never sets. Going westward the difference in longitude between Eastport, Me., and Manila is about 175 degrees. To the dwellers on the Atlantic coast of the United States is very near the Antipodes. Traveling westward from the eastern verge of the country to its western boundary in the far Pacific, a circuit of almost half the globe is made. Except in midwinter the sun rises in Eastport before it sets in Manila. In summer, autumn and spring it is daylight along the eastern coast of the United States before it is night on the western boundary. England, France and Germany also have territory so widely diffused that the sun shines on some part of it every hour of the twenty-four, but, of course, in contiguous territory the United States is far ahead of all these.

In area, exclusive of colonies, the United States is the largest nation in the world except China. It far exceeds in superficial extent the empire of Alexander the Great or the Rome of Caesar and Trajan. It surpasses the domain of Charlemagne, or the territory of Charles V., exclusive of his colonial possessions in America, which were of indefinite extent, and which only technically belonged to Spain, for no Spaniard in Charles' time had ever seen more than a small fragment of the region that Spain claimed in the days of Charles and of his son Philip II. It exceeds the empire of Russia in Europe. In population the United States exceeds every Christian nation of the globe if colonial possessions are omitted. In the case of the United States the area and population of the colonies are comparatively trifling, but in that of the other great Christian countries which have been mentioned the area of colonies largely surpasses that of the mother country, and in the case of all of them except Germany they are exceeded by their colonies in population. In wealth and material strength the United States is far better equipped than any other country for getting detached territory if it should ever engage in that task as any important extent.

Imperial America, which comprises more than half of the inhabited portion of one continent, stretches its arms across to another hemisphere. Its possessions dot the world's greatest ocean, and extend from the Arctic circle down to a point close to the equator. Its colonies, from the Alaskan islands of the north to Hawaii, the Carolines and the Philippines on the southern tier, are distributed within easy sailing distance of each other. They cover all climates, from frigid to torrid. When our conquests occupied the Stars and Stripes will be as familiar a sight on the islands of the Pacific as is the union jack of England. Unlike many of the colonies of England and other nations, the United States' new possessions will be productive. They will add largely to the country's wealth and general resources. Settlers and capital from all parts of the world will flow into them immediately after the United States gets them into its hands. Through them the country acquires a new credit and potency, and the advantages of American civilization will be extended half-way around the globe.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

Least wed soonest mended.
With most women belief is better than proof.

Next to babies a woman judges her friends by their underwear.

Husbands are necessary only once a month—when the bills come in.

When a woman likes a man her idea of having him happy is not having him belong to some other woman.

Having ideals means to a woman regarding a man to begin the day with noble deeds and then beginning it by slipping chocolate over a late breakfast and planning a new hat that will consume her friends with jealousy.—New York Press.

When You're Away from Home.

When you're feelin' blue ez indigo, when you're away from home, on the new streets that you roam,
You'll find them all a-fadin' en they'll disappear from view across a feller from the same o' town ez you.

If you hain't been the best o' friends it softens up your heart.
You feel a warm'n to him that'll kinder give a start
To a long en lastin' friendship that you'll With a good word for the feller from the same o' leetle town.

You'll find his voice soun's sweeter ez he mentions some o' name
Then it useter when you'd meet him airy mornin' in the lane;
En when you say goodbye en part, es You hate to leave the feller from the same o' town ez you.

—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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